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Days of Remembrance program honors Holocaust survivors

By **DEBORAH INCE**
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The U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) will host the "Holocaust Days of Remembrance" program 10:30 a.m., April 30 at the APG North (Aberdeen) Post Theater, Bldg. 3245. ARL, which has hosted the event for more than 15 years, and Team APG invite local and private schools to attend, as many curriculums focus on the Holocaust during the months of March and April.

"Team APG has been involving the community in all of the Special Emphasis Programs," said Sheryl Coleman, an equal opportunity advisor with ARL. "It gives the students and faculty a

FOR YOUR INFO

"Holocaust Days of Remembrance" program
10:30 a.m., April 30
at the APG North (Aberdeen)
Post Theater, Bldg. 3245

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Sunrise service magnifies triumph of resurrection

Debbie Marley and the Protestant Service choir sing "Jesus Paid It All" during the Easter Sunrise Service. APG Soldiers, civilians, Family members and guests, marked the coming of Easter with a sunrise service at the post chapel April 20. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Owens, Garrison chaplain, hosted the celebration aided by Choir Director Lee Ann Masters. The choir delivered a series of songs with narratives mixed in that took listeners through the crucifixion and resurrection. Owens emphasized the work that went into the presentation and praised Masters, choir members and volunteers. "Lee Ann [Masters] is amazing and our volunteers are tireless," he said. Masters, a former Baltimore County music teacher, said she came out to sing with the choir 25 years ago at the invitation of a former mentor and she's been at it ever since. The choir director for 15 years, she said she feels honored to work with the choir members. "I am so blessed and privileged to stand in front of this group. They sing for the Lord and that's why they sound like they do," she said. "I consider each and every one of them a friend."

A breakfast of eggs, sausage, home fries, grits, yogurt, fresh fruit and other refreshments followed in the chapel fellowship hall.

ATEC hosts SHARP Summit, commander encourages culture of prevention, trust



By **ANDRICKA THOMAS AND SANDY GIBSON**
ATEC

Aberdeen Proving Ground senior leaders gathered for a Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP)

Brig. Gen. Daniel Hughes, program executive officer for PEO Command, Control, Communications-Tactical, PEO C3T, poses a question to a panel of senior leaders during the 2014 Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Summit, April 16 at the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters. Seated next to Hughes is keynote speaker Carolyn Collins, deputy director (Civilian) of the Army SHARP Program.

Photo by Lindsey Monger

Summit April 16 to provide a forum for APG leaders to exchange ideas, best practices and discuss the way ahead to encourage reporting practices and spark a culture change of trust that holds offenders accountable for sexual harassment and assault offenses.

"Sexual assault goes against everything for which we stand. Serving as a member of our nation's Army means we are held to a higher standard. It starts at the top. As leaders, we have it within our power to create an environment of trust and respect to protect our Soldiers, Families and Civilians... this is why we are here today," said Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, and host of the summit.

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ASAP hosts drug-take back, alcohol screening events

Alex Williams, from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, listens as Army Substance Abuse Program Prevention Coordinator Cindy Scott reviews the results from a free alcohol screening at ATEC Headquarters April 22, for National Alcohol Awareness Month. The screening provides participants with information about their alcohol usage. Screening results will be compiled to help ASAP determine the needs of the community. Collection points are still in place for ASAP Drug Take-Back events. People can drop off unwanted, unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medicines at any time and with no questions asked at the APG South (Edgewood) Police Station, Bldg. E4420 or APG North (Aberdeen) Police Station, Bldg. 2200 through Friday, April 25. Medicines also can be dropped off 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Pharmacy, Bldg. 2501, through Friday, April 25.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



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Sunny
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STREET TALK

April is National Volunteer Month. If you had unlimited time to volunteer, what would you do?

I would volunteer at a children's hospital. Children with cancer or other illnesses, have to go through medical treatments. It's a tough ordeal. I would also volunteer at a national park, doing trail clean-up. When I retire, I plan to volunteer more.



Wendell Richardson
CECOM SEC

I was a swimming coach, and I loved it. I would be a swimming coach or a swim teacher for free. I would also coach children and adults with intellectual disabilities. I saw how participating in sports can be therapeutic.



Cathy Richardson
Family member

For my early childhood education associate degree, I interned at a local school and saw the need for volunteers. I would help children with special needs. I would tutor them in math and reading.



Sabrina Myers
APG South youth center

A student at my school has leukemia, so I would want to help raise money for leukemia and cancer research.



Jordan Richards
Family member

I would volunteer with APG Army Community Service, doing whatever needs to be done on base. My husband is a military retiree, so I want to give back to the military community.



Rose Pagarigan
APG South CDC

OPINION

Falling off the wagon hurts – in more ways than one

By **PAT BEAUCHAMP**
APG News

Well, the Garrison Weight Loss Challenge has ended. I officially lost just over 12 pounds. That's not great, but it's not awful.

I realize I tend to make excuses, but I DO have an explanation for a gain over the last few weeks. Remember the old wives' tale of "Stuff a cold, starve a fever"? Well, although I didn't do it intentionally, it seems that I lived by that adage for the last few weeks.

I was down on my home scale by at least four more pounds until I got sick several weeks ago. For the first few days, I couldn't eat much of anything, then after that, I ate just about anything and everything that didn't move. It's normally a good thing that I don't keep junk food in the house, but that didn't stop me from going out and getting it...

I don't know why I do things like that and I'm not going to analyze the reasons – or myself – in this column. What I WILL say, though, is that I know numerous things I could have done better:



Beauchamp

- I could have tracked my food better.
- I could have drunk more water.
- I could have exercised more.
- I could have made better food choices.

Shoulda, coulda, woulda, but I can't change the past. At least the numbers on the scale went in the right direction. I'm 12 pounds down from the beginning of the challenge, and I thank the organizers, leaders, professionals at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and other participants of the challenge for their support. I can also use some of the tools I've been introduced to including online calorie counting websites with built-in-support systems.

Most of all, I need to believe in myself. As my friend Richard Simmons says "I believe in you, do YOU believe in you?"

I have a bunch of weight to lose to get to a more 'normal' weight. Although I am retiring at the end of the month, I've found out that I am eligible to continue to use the Army Wellness Center once I retire....and I will. I WILL step up my water consumption. I WILL step up my exercise. I WILL stop eating junk and make better food choices. And I WILL succeed.

Thanks to ALL OF YOU for your support!

Weekly Activities for Month of the Military Child

APG North (Aberdeen) youth center

Thursday, April 17: Sports Team Day
Friday, April 18: Purple Up!
Monday, April 21: Poetry Monday
Tuesday, April 22: Purple Party Day
Wednesday, April 23: Save the Elephant Day

APG South (Edgewood) youth center

Thursday, April 17: Power Hour
Friday, April 18: Make Your Own Sundae
Monday, April 21: Power Hour
Tuesday, April 22: Earthy Colors Day
Wednesday, April 23: Favorite Card Game

APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center

Thursday, April 17: Rainbow Roses
Friday, April 18: Sensory Bottles

Monday, April 21: Fiesta Craft
Tuesday, April 22: Fiesta Craft
Wednesday, April 23: Fiesta Snack

APG South (Edgewood) CDC

Thursday, April 17: School Picture Day
Friday, April 18: Funny Hat Day
Monday, April 21: Helicopter Visit
Tuesday, April 22: Earth Day
Wednesday, April 23: Patriotic Colors Day

Bayside CDC

Thursday, April 17: Ice Cream Social
Monday, April 21: Clean Your Community Day
Tuesday, April 22: Earth Day
Wednesday, April 23: Wear Green Day

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Teens learn fundamentals of babysitting

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Seventeen APG teens, ages 13 to 18, learned the fundamentals of babysitting during the 4-H/Army Child, Youth and School Services Babysitting Course held April 18 and 21 in Bldg. 2503. The babysitting course is offered free to all CYSS-eligible teens through the SKIESUnlimited program.

Acting SKIESUnlimited Director Jennifer Perez taught the first day of courses. She covered nutrition, early childhood development, discipline, safety, allergies, hand washing, entertainment and the business of babysitting

“I try to make the class as interactive as possible, with several hands-on activities,” Perez said.

“Providing this babysitting course is important. It’s one of my priorities.”

The Assistant Chief of Emergency Medical Services, Mike Slayman, from the Directorate of Emergency Services, took over the second day. Slayman taught attendees first aid, CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator. Firefighter John Frank, Paramedic Scott Manglass and Fire Inspector T.C. Glassman, assisted Slayman.

While instructing how to respond during an emergency, Slayman advised the teens to not delay in calling 9-11.

“9-11 is here for you,” he said. “Do not hesitate to call 9-11. The 9-11 dis-



(From left) DaiJanae Salter-Boykin holds still while Jazmyne Drakes practices dressing a “wound” during the First Aid portion of the SKIESUnlimited babysitting course held in Bldg. 2503 April 21.

I try to make the class as interactive as possible, with several hands-on activities. Providing this babysitting course is important. It’s one of my priorities.

Jennifer Perez
Acting SKIESUnlimited Director

patcher will tell you if there is a true emergency.”

Those who take the course are placed on a babysitting referral list that is available by request at CYSS Parent Outreach Services. Perez said 10 teens have already indicated that they would like to take the next course which is set for June 24 and June 26-27. Another course will be offered in August.

Perez said several teens expressed interest in taking the babysitting course, because they want to watch their younger siblings or babysit for extra money during the summer.

Kaleigh Snow, 17, said she took

the course so she would be better prepared when she watches her younger siblings. Snow is the oldest of seven children.

Jashaun Stalk, 16, said he also plans to watch Family members, and hopes to get some babysitting jobs this summer.

“I enjoy watching kids,” he said.

Jazmyne Drakes, 13, said she found the instructions about CPR and First Aid very helpful.

“I like babysitting, and eventually I want to be a pediatrician,” she said.

In addition to being placed on the babysitting referral list, teens also receive a certificate of completion and a CPR/First Aid card.

About SKIESUnlimited

SKIES stands for Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills. SKIESUnlimited encompasses all CYSS instructional programs for children and youth from infancy to adolescence.

APG SKIESUnlimited instructional programs include piano and guitar lessons, Taekwondo, driver’s education and SAT prep. For more information call 410-278-4589, or e-mail jennifer.l.perez50.naf@mail.mil, or visit www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_skies.html.

To obtain a copy of the babysitting referral list, contact Parent Outreach Services at 410-278-7479/7571.

Installation Slim-Down Challenge final results

KUSAHC

In January 2014, eight different organizations and more than 250 participants in APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) formed teams to participate in the 12-week Installation Slim-down Challenge. Part of the Army Performance Triad initiative, the competition awards the “biggest losers” from across the installation for their efforts in achieving improved overall health and wellness.

The challenge officially ended April 11, with 113 total participants completing the final weigh-in with their respective units. Covertly named leaders from various organizations across the installation have been identified, and the top five winners will be recognized at the Installation Slim-down

Challenge Finale May 7.

Interested in who will win the grand prize? Wondering if your organization had the greatest percentage of weight loss? Come to the grand finale May 7 at noon in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. The Slim-down Challenge Finale will be held in conjunction with the APG Performance Triad Health Fair from 11a.m. to 1p.m., also at the recreation center.

A Performance Triad 5K run will be held at the Exchange parking lot on the morning of May 7. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Joanna Moore at 410-278-1773 for details on any Performance Triad Kickoff event.

“Biggest Losers” final rankings 6-15 (April 11)

Graph by Molly Blossie

Ranking	Unit	Weight loss (lbs) and (%)
6	KB C4ISR	24.4lbs 11.28%
7	Sparkles Garrison	16.8lbs 10.06%
8	Jiggly Puff Garrison	21.5lbs 9.07%
9	Heffalump Garrison	17.6lbs 8.98%
10	Odie KUSAHC	19.9lbs 8.92%
11	Weeble Garrison	21.2lbs 8.33%
12	Denial River KUSAHC	13.2lbs 7.84%
13	Slimmie KUSAHC	11.0lbs 7.75%
14	Baby Doll HUSAHC	10.0lbs 7.52%
15	Cherry Garcia Garrison	11.5lbs 7.42%

How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil

Volunteers read all about it during Seuss event

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

More than 30 Soldiers and DoD civilians from the APG community read to students for Royce-Williams Elementary School's Read Across America celebration April 16.

The National Education Association's Read Across America event celebrates the birth of children's author Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. The event is usually celebrated on or near March 2, but the school had to postpone the event in March due to inclement weather. Since 1997, schools, libraries, community centers, bookstores and more have participated in this annual event. RWES Literacy Coach Heather Morris explained that the goal is to get more students excited about reading.

"The boys and girls already look up to the Soldiers and civilians who are serving our country," Morris said. "Seeing them reading will inspire the children to pick up more books."

This is the second year in a row that APG community members participated in Read Across America for RWES. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison APG has a longstanding partnership with the school. Soldiers and civilians volunteer throughout the year at annual events like STEM Night, Field Day and provide mentoring and tutoring to students. The school has a high number of military children, as elementary school students who live on APG North (Aberdeen) attend RWES.

Sgt. Natasha Sims, from the 1st Area Medical Laboratory, who read Dr. Seuss's "Cat in the Hat" and "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut," said she jumped at the chance to read to the students.

"I think I was more excited than the children; it made my day," Sims said. "I will be back to volunteer for any event."

Staff Sgt. Christopher Sitter, from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Center, said he volunteers in the community whenever he has the opportunity. Sitter read Dr. Seuss's "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day," and talked to the children about how he copes with frequent moves.

"This is a treat for me," Sitter said. "I was an Eagle Scout (the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America) so I am used to doing this type of thing."

RWES Parent Teacher Association President Sarah Watt thanked the volunteers for their continued support.

"The response was overwhelming," she said. "The children and the volunteers had a good time."

APG School Liaison Stacie Umbarger said the next big event for RWES is Field Day on May 15. For more information about volunteering at local schools contact Umbarger at 410-278-2857 or e-mail Stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil.

(From left) 1st. Sgt. Paul Cottrell, from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, reads "The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Junk Food" to Donald Ewing and his classmates during a Read Across America event at Royce-Williams Elementary School April 16.



Danielle Shriner Lead, Strong Beginnings

As a Strong Beginnings and lead teacher at the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center (CDC), Danielle Shriner is responsible for the care and supervision of pre-school and pre-Kindergarten children as well for the preparation of lessons according to the Strong Beginnings Program,

which helps prepare 4 to 5-year-olds for kindergarten.

"For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to work with children," Shriner said. "Teaching is my passion."

Shriner has been a lead teacher at the CDC since March. She previously taught at the elementary level in Har-

ford County for five years. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Shriner said she enjoys watching the children in her class progress in their education.

"The 'lightbulb' moment is the best part of teaching—the moment you see the kids learn or master something," she said. "I also enjoy the laughter they bring me each day."

For information on the APG South (Edgewood) CDC or to contact Shriner, call 410-436-2692, email danielle.n.shriner@us.army.mil, or visit www.apgmwr.com. The CDC is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shriner's hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Volunteer worker bees continue to shine

By **DEBORAH INCE**
APG News

Gloria Dent

A firm believer in volunteerism, Gloria Dent is doing her best to promote the practice on Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. and beyond.

“A lot of the Army spouses are contacting me about ways they can gain experience and how to volunteer and I try to link them up with an agency that is looking for volunteers,” Dent said.

She added that she directs interested volunteers to the Army Community Service (ACS) office at APG.



Dent

Dent said that she has always been involved in volunteering. Her first volunteer experience was reading to veterans with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She currently volunteers frequently within the local community, working with shelters and helping provide clothing, food and other services to women and children, among other things.

“I think that when people volunteer it shows the world what people are interested in,” Dent said. “I would like to see more people out in the local community volunteering. Our local community does a lot for APG and our military, and as a thank-you, it’s important that we give back.”

For more information on volunteering or to learn where volunteer services are needed on the installation, contact ACS at 410-278-7572/7474.

Mike Layman

Retired U.S. Army major and Aberdeen Proving Ground volunteer soccer and basketball coach Mike Layman applies former UCLA men’s basketball coach John Wooden’s pyramid of success to his coaching style.

“I’ve developed a system using John Wooden’s ‘Pyramid of Success’ throughout the season, and what we’re trying to do is pull the team together and get them to play together as a team—to give your



Layman

best when your best is required,” Layman said.

Layman coaches under-12 boys’ soccer and 12, 13 and 14-year-old girls’ basketball teams at APG. Teams participate in Harford County recreation leagues and practices are held primarily at APG North (Aberdeen), and sometimes at APG South (Edgewood). The teams consist mainly of children whose parents either work or are stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

“I like the challenge of being able to pull the kids together as a team,” Layman said.

For information about enrolling in youth sports at APG call 410-278-7479/7571.

Important information about APG drinking water

Important notice of maximum contaminant level exceedance to consumers of APG South (Edgewood) drinking water supply

By **RICHARD WIGGINS**
DPW Environmental Division

Leadership of Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) is committed to providing its workforce and residents with access to safe drinking water. To that end, APG’s Directorate of Public Works (DPW) works diligently to ensure that the installation remains in compliance with state and federal drinking water standards. Routine water sampling is conducted and notifications are provided to consumers whenever sampling indicates a drinking water standard has been exceeded.

On February 20, 2014, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)

issued a notice of violation to APG related to testing performed on APG South (Edgewood) during 2013. Routine testing of the APG South drinking water supply during 2013 showed that water at Bldg. E5800 exceeded the State of Maryland maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). The MDE MCL is 60 parts per billion (ppb) measured as an annual average. For HAA5, compliance is determined based on the concentrations for the four most recent quarters (referred to as the annual average). The 2013 annual average at building E5800 was 61.5 ppb. APG South is required to test for HAA5 quarterly at two locations - Bldgs. E5800 and E4301.

HAA5 are by-products which are formed when water containing natural organic matter is chlorinated during the water treatment process. The formation of these “disinfection by-products” at low levels is not unusual. Disinfection by-products do not pose an immediate health risk. APG South water consumers do not need to take any action at this time. Studies show consumption of water containing increased disinfection by-products over many years has been linked to cancer.

When 3rd quarter 2013 sampling

results indicated a potential non-compliance with the HAA5 MCL, the DPW initiated a switch to Harford County-supplied water in October 2013. The use of Harford County water, which has low disinfection by-products, ensures consumers a safe supply. However, the 4th quarter 2013 annual average result for Bldg. E5800 was 61.5 ppb, above the MCL, which led MDE to issue the notice of violation in February 2014.

The most recent water testing conducted in 1st quarter 2014 indicates that the APG-South drinking water meets all regulatory requirements and is safe to consume. The APG-South water treatment plant is currently undergoing equipment upgrades to help reduce the disinfection by-product levels. During this time water is still being purchased from Harford County to ensure an uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water to APG-South.

APG DPW will ensure this notification reaches as many water consumers as possible. Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (e.g., people in barracks, schools, and office buildings). This can be done by posting this notice in a public place or distributing

copies by hand.

For more information, contact Richard Wiggins, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, at 410 436-3808 or richard.j.wiggins6.civ@mail.mil.

Town Hall to address water concerns

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton will host two Town Hall meetings regarding findings of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5 bi-products) in excess of the State of Maryland maximum contaminant level (MCL) at Bldg. E5800 in APG South (Edgewood).

The meetings will be held Tuesday, April 29 at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Bldg. E4140 at 2 and 5 p.m. For more information, contact Richard Wiggins, DPW Environmental Division, at 410 436-3808 or email richard.j.wiggins6.civ@mail.mil

MRICD chemists analyze OPCW exercise

Story and photo by **CINDY KRONMAN**
MRICD

Chemical scientists in the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense recently participated in the Fourth Biomedical Confidence Building Exercise conducted by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), which is headquartered at The Hague, Netherlands. The MRICD was one of five laboratories that received six human plasma samples, prepared by the OPCW Laboratory, to be analyzed for the presence of nerve agents.

The samples arrived Feb. 26 and Drs. Benedict Capacio, M. Ross Pennington, Robert diTargiani, and John "Rick" Smith and Benjamin Oyler, members of the MRICD analytical chemistry group, had 28 days to conduct studies and prepare a detailed report of their methods and findings. Using immunomagnetic beads, the team separated the enzyme butyrylcholinesterase from the plasma. They broke down the protein to isolate the active site peptide, and used liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometric (LC-MS-MS) analysis to detect whether nerve agent was bound to that active site, thus verifying exposure and identifying the specific nerve agent.

The report was forwarded to the OPCW laboratory headquarters. The evaluation of each report will be done by a designated OPCW laboratory, blind to which of the five participating laboratories submitted the report. The evaluating laboratory will send a summary report of how accurately the samples were identified across the five laboratories to the OPCW.

Established in 1997, the OPCW is the implementing body of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). It maintains a network of laboratories to support a capability to identify exposure to chemical warfare agents. Much of the OPCW's capabilities are focused on analyzing environmental samples to determine whether chemical weapons have been used. However, over the past five years or so, the organization has been building a capability



Dr. M. Ross Pennington loads a plate of samples into the liquid chromatograph-tandem mass spectrometer. Pennington is one of the members of MRICD's analytical chemistry group who analyzed plasma samples for nerve agent exposure confirmation as part of the Fourth Biomedical Confidence Building Exercise conducted by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

to analyze biomedical samples.

While the MRICD is not in the OPCW's network of laboratories, the institute's scientists have an impressive record in the medical diagnostics arena as it supports the Department of Defense's Chemical Biological Defense Research Program. Capacio and Smith, senior chemists at the institute, and the rest of the analytical team have developed, validated, and implemented several analytical methods capable of verifying chemical warfare agent exposure in clinical samples, such as blood, urine or tissues. The methods focus on the detection of trace level biomarkers formed after exposure.

It is this expertise that led the OPCW Laboratory senior analytical chemist, Dr. Marc-Michael Blum, in April 2013, to approach MRICD's commander, Col. Bruce Schoneboom, and its director of research at the time, Dr. John Graham, about whether the MRICD would be interested in participating in the OPCW's upcoming Biomedical Confidence Building Exercise. Blum followed the discussion with an e-mail providing more information on the exercise as well as points of contact at the U.S. National Authority for the CWC, part of the U.S. Department of State, which processes official nominations to participate.

The MRICD has a history of coop-

eration with the OPCW, going back to 2004, when a Temporary Working Group (TWG) on Biomedical Samples was formed by the organization to make recommendations on sampling and analytical methods, as well as for initiating a series of confidence building exercises with the long-term goal of developing a system of laboratories designated for biomedical sample analysis.

The OPCW extended invitations to participate in the TWG to a small group of international scientists, including those at the MRICD. As represented by Smith, the institute was an integral member of the TWG until it was dissolved in 2007.

AMEDD Civilian Corps chief visits MRICD

By **CINDY KRONMAN**
MRICD

Civilian employees of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense gathered for a special town hall meeting April 10, to meet Charles



Stevens

"Gregg" Stevens, chief of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Civilian Corps.

"Mr. Stevens's visit to MRICD pro-

vided the civilian community with a great opportunity to learn more about the AMEDD Civilian Corps and to dialog with one of the key leaders in the AMEDD about issues affecting civilians," said Dr. James Dillman, the institute's acting director of research.

Stevens's main purpose for the visit was to discuss the Corps's "thought process for civilian education and training." A particular topic of interest was the Civilian Education System (CES). Stevens explained the purpose of CES, established in 2007, which is to train the future civilian leaders of the Army, and how that plays into development of the

future workforce. He estimated that one percent of the individuals going through the training would eventually succeed to the level of enterprise leader or manager, and 12 percent would attain the level of functional leader or manager.

Stevens promoted the Army Team and described the Army Profession as encompassing the military and civilians on equal terms. Additionally, he reviewed the goals and objectives of the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Army Surgeon General, and the AMEDD 2020 Campaign Plan, which is to improve readiness, save lives, and advance health in support of the Total Force. He discussed

the civilian career program system and how it benefits civilian employees by providing centralized training and representation at board meetings.

Stevens, who also serves as the deputy to the Commanding General, Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, became the fourth corps chief in November of 2009. The AMEDD officially established its Civilian Corps Office in October 2010, though the concept of a Civilian Corps within AMEDD was established in 1996, ten years ahead of a similar recognition of civilians within the top leadership of the Army.

CERDEC, LEAP workshop engages girls in STEM

By **ALLISON BARROW**
CERDEC

The Army held an educational workshop to engage Harford County elementary and middle school girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, subjects at the Edgewood Public Library April 15.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, (CERDEC), Educational Outreach Program designed the program specifically for females, an under-represented population across the STEM fields.

"STEM activities are often targeted at boys, even inadvertently, and those that are designed for girls frequently limit possibilities at the outset by focusing on activities deemed 'girl specific' such as clothing design, the chemistry of makeup and the like," said Erica Bertoli, CERDEC Educational Outreach Program lead.

A 2011 study from the Department of Commerce found that while females make up almost half the workforce in the nation, they only hold 25 percent of its STEM careers. A report from the Center for Talent Innovation released in February showed that females were 45 percent more likely than males to leave the STEM field within a year.

Looking to increase STEM engagement with girls, CERDEC's Educational Outreach team participated in a National Girls Collaborative Project webinar and sought out organizations with programs in the Mid-Atlantic area that focus on motivating girls to pursue careers in STEM. They found



Photo by Allison Barrow

Students build a non-working prototype of a "super technology" during a workshop lead by the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center to engage girls in STEM at the Edgewood Public Library, April 15.

Edgewood Library's Learn, Explore and Play, or LEAP, Program and collaborated with the library to host a workshop for local girls, said Stacey Lambert, a member of the CERDEC Educational Outreach team.

"The goal of LEAP is to foster the interest and love for STEM for children in grades three through eight and their families," said Mary Hastler, director of Harford County Public Library. "It [LEAP] introduces science, technology, engineering and math skills to elementary age children – which are

critical for future success in school and the workforce."

The library holds LEAP programs, which are free and open to the public, monthly throughout the year, Hastler said.

CERDEC's session of the LEAP program challenged girls' perception of society and self by asking them "what is a hero?" Most said they thought of superheroes, like Superman, or a community hero such as a Soldier or fire fighter. The program sought to change their thinking so the students can see themselves in the answer, said Bertoli.

Throughout the program the girls discussed heroines and female engineers. They discussed attributes of an engineer, such as being creative and inventive, and explored how science is a part of their everyday lives, in activities such as sports and music.

The girls were then paired off and given a box of random items, which they could design into a "super technology" to support their superhero persona. They were instructed to draw a model of it on paper and then design a non-working prototype with the items.

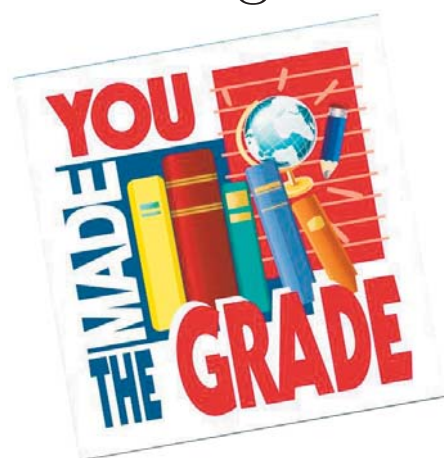
Some of the results included a camera camouflaged from law breakers that would alert the superhero if a crime was being committed, a car that could be driven faster but still remain safe, and a teleporter that could transport anyone around the world in an instant.

"I kind of just looked at the stuff and thought it'd be cool if we made a teleporter," said fourth grade student Lily. "She [the superhero] can hear whoever is in trouble even if they are on the other side of the world, and she can get there really fast."

Each group presented their projects and finished the session with an important lesson on believing in themselves. When asked who in the room thought they were smart, every girl raised her hand.

"The real key to being smart is to believe you're smart, know you're smart, and believe in yourself," said Bertoli. "At an event like this, the thing that we want to impress upon these girls is that they have the ability to do anything as long as they believe it. They have the ability to decide to be their own heroes, and that's what I hope they took away."

Exchange rewards students with You Made the Grade program



Exchange Public Affairs

Military students can turn good grades into rewards with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's You Made the Grade program. From first-graders to high school seniors, pupils

who maintain a B average or higher are eligible for the program that recognizes academic excellence.

The You Made the Grade program rewards military students with a coupon booklet filled with free offers and discounts, including a free regular 6-inch Subway sandwich and a Burger King Tendergrill chicken sandwich. Those who make the grade will also score Snack Avenue coupons for a free 16-ounce drink, a complimentary hot dog and more.

Other offers include \$5 off a \$25 iTunes gift card as well as discounts on clothing and shoes, among others. Students with a B average or better can also enter the You Made the Grade semiannual sweepstakes to receive gift cards worth \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500.

"The Exchange is proud to reward

military students who make it their mission to do well in school," said Exchange Chief of Staff Col. Thomas Ockenfels.

"Service members' children face unique challenges inside and outside the classroom," he said. "The Exchange recognizes these students' challenges, and they deserve to be rewarded."

He added that **MilitaryFamily.org** reports that most military children will attend nine different schools from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Students, including those who are home schooled, can receive a You Made the Grade coupon booklet by presenting a valid military I.D. and proof of an overall B average at their nearest Exchange customer service area. Eligible students can pick up one

coupon booklet for each qualifying report card. Entries for the gift card sweepstakes drawing can be submitted twice a year, with drawings typically held in June and December.

Students and guardians can visit their local Exchange for more information about the Exchange's You Made the Grade program.



Send newspaper submissions to the APG News

Community members are asked to send all submissions for the APG News to usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil, and CC patricia.g.beauchamp.civ@mail.mil. Type APG NEWS SUBMISSION in the Subject Line. You should receive a response within three business days letting you know that the submission has been received. If you do not receive a response, please call 410-278-7274 to inquire.

Did you know?

Did you know the United States of America has seven federal uniformed services?

That’s right. Most people can only think of five off the top of their heads and some can even come up with the sixth one but very few are even aware of the seventh. Now, without peeking to the end of the article, here’s a short walk through all seven uniformed services in order of precedence as they would appear in a ceremonial formation.

1. **United States Army**

This is the main branch of the United States Armed Forces. The U.S. Army is responsible for land-based military operations. It is the largest and oldest established branch of the U.S. military, and is one of seven U.S. uniformed services. The modern army has its roots in the Continental Army which was formed June 14, 1775 to meet the demands of the American Revolutionary War before the establishment of the United States.

2. **United States Marine Corps**

The USMC is a branch of the United States Armed Forces responsible for providing power projection from the sea, using the mobility of the United States Navy to rapidly deliver combined-arms task forces. Created in 1775, the Marine Corps has been a component of the United States Department of the Navy since 1834, working closely with naval forces for training, transportation, and logistics.

3. **United States Navy**

The naval warfare service branch of the United States Armed Forces and one of the seven uniformed services of the United State, the United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy of 1775 which was established during the American Revolutionary War and was essentially disbanded as a separate entity shortly thereafter. It played a major role in the American Civil War by blockading the Confederacy and seizing control of its rivers. Okay, we’re getting close.

4. **United States Air Force**

The Air Force is the aerial warfare service branch of the United States Armed Forces and one of the seven American uniformed services. Initially part of the United States Army, the USAF was formed as a separate branch of the military on Sept. 18, 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947. It is the most recent branch of the U.S. military to be formed, and is the largest and one of the world’s most technologically advanced air forces. Closer still.

5. **United States Coast Guard**

The Coast Guard is a maritime, military, multi-mission service unique among the U.S. military branches for having a maritime law enforcement mission (with jurisdiction in both domestic and international waters) and a federal regulatory agency mission as part of its mission set. Created by Congress Aug. 4, 1790 at the request of Alexander Hamilton as the “Revenue Marine”, it is the oldest continuous seagoing service of the United States. Although the U.S. Navy lists its founding as 1775, it was disbanded in 1785, and the modern U.S. Navy in its present form was founded in 1794. Almost there. You ready?

6. **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps**

The NOAA Corps, is one of seven federal uniformed services of the United States and operates under the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a scientific agency within the Department of Commerce. The NOAA Corps is one of two uniformed services, the other is the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, that consist only of commissioned officers, with no enlisted or warrant officer ranks. Here it comes.

7. **United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps**

The United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (PHSCC) is also referred to as the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service. It is the federal uniformed service of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) and is one of the seven uniformed services of the United States. Along with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps, it is one of two uniformed services that only consist of commissioned officers and has no enlisted or warrant officer ranks, although warrant officers have been authorized for use within the service.

Officers of the PHS are classified as noncombatants, unless directed to serve as part of the armed forces by the President or detailed to a service branch of the armed forces. Members of the PHSCC wear the same uniforms as the United States Navy with special corps insignia, and hold ranks equivalent to those of naval officers. Officers of the PHSCC receive their commissions through the PHSCC’s direct commissioning program. As with its parent division, the PHS, the PHSCC is under the direction of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The PHSCC is led by the Surgeon General who holds grade of vice admiral. The Surgeon General reports directly to the Assistant Secretary for Health who may hold the rank of admiral if he or she is a serving member of the PHSCC. Note: The PHSCC precedes NOAA in order of precedence; the order was changed for the purpose of this article.

Each of the uniformed services is administratively headed by a federal executive department and its corresponding civilian Cabinet leader.

Now you know!

Yvonne Johnson, *APG News*



DoD photo
The Joint Service Color Guard advances the colors during the retirement ceremony of former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry H. Shelton in 2001. Services represented are, from left to right: Army, Army, Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines.



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U.S. Navy responds to sinking Korean ship

Navy News Service

The U.S. Navy amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard responded to the scene after the passenger ferry Sewol sank near the island of Jindo off South Korea’s southwestern coast.

The ferry had more than 450 people aboard and was traveling from Incheon, South Korea, to Jeju Island at the time of the incident.

Bonhomme Richard established communications with the South Korean on-scene commander and was standing by to assist as required. The ship was on a routine patrol in waters west of the Korean Peninsula.

“When we were alerted to the accident, we immediately diverted to the scene to render assistance,” said Navy Capt. Heidi C. Agle, commodore of U.S. Amphibious Squadron 11. “However, the efficiency of the Korean response eclipsed the immediate need for our assets. We are standing by to provide support as requested by the on-scene commander.”

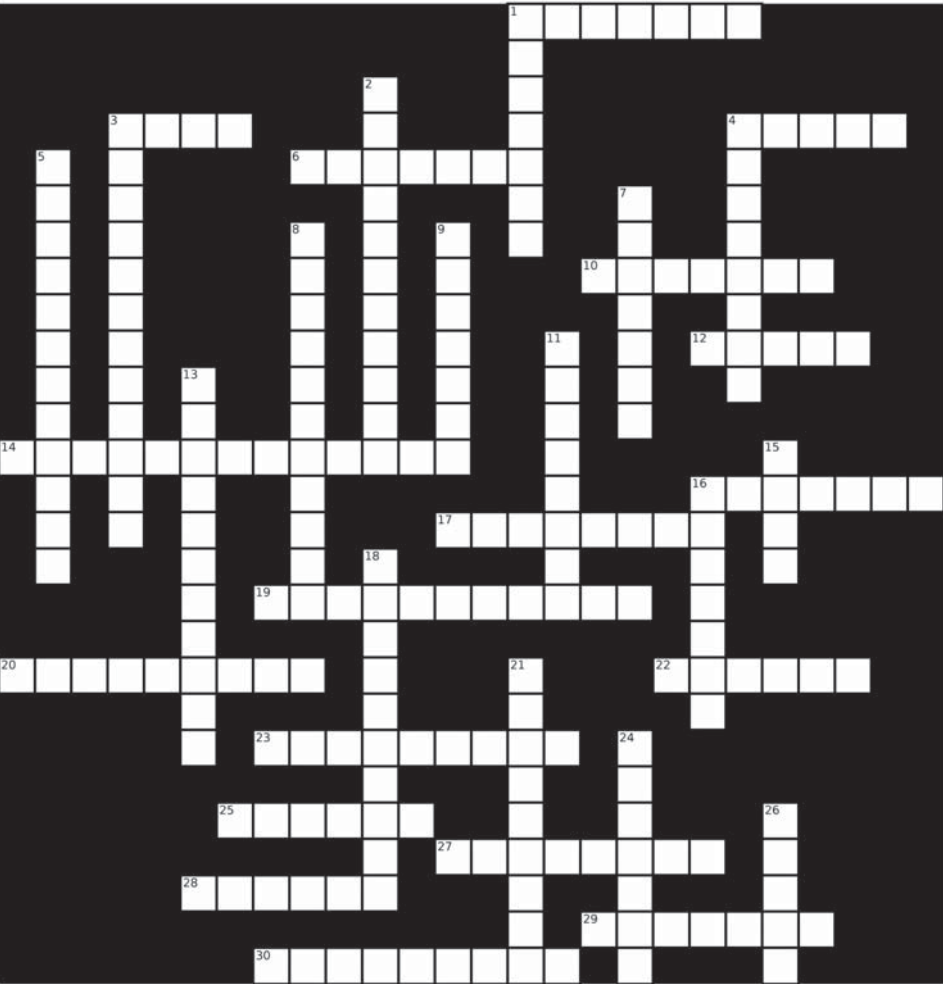
Bonhomme Richard is forward-deployed to Sasebo, Japan, as part of the U.S. 7th Fleet. With its embarked Marine expeditionary unit, the ship is capable of both combat and humanitarian operations.



U.S. Marine Corps photo

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Orin Sanford looks out the side door of a UH-1Y Huey after taking off from the flight deck of the USS Bonhomme Richard, April, 18 to assist South Korea’s search and rescue efforts for the Sewol. The ferry sank April 16 off Jindo, an island in the southwest corner of the Korean Peninsula. Sanford is a crew chief assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The APG Crossword



Answers to this puzzle may be found in this edition of the APG News, or may be common knowledge. The completed puzzle will be published in next week’s paper.

Across

1. AMEDD is the Army _____ Department

3. Adjutant general, Massachusetts National Guard

4. Commander, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command

6. LEAP means Learn, _____ and Play

10. RDECOM command sergeant major

12. Acting SKIESUnlimited director

14. Officers of the PHS are classified as _____

16. AMEDD Civilian Corps Chief

17. Organization for the Prohibition of _____ Weapons

19. ARDEC means Armament Research, _____ and Engineering Center

20. RDECOM NCO competition held at _____ Creek Training Site

22. Volunteer youth sports coach

23. Remembrance program honors _____ victims

25. CYSS means Child, Youth and _____ Services

27. AMC stands for U.S. Army _____ Command

28. Spokesman for the Massachusetts National Guard

29. Chemical _____ Convention

30. April is National _____ month

5. Public Health Service _____ Corps

7. Boston Marathon was classified as National _____ Security Event

8. The M829E4 has Advanced _____ Cartridge Case

9. Deputy Director (Civilian) Army SHARP Office

11. Navy ship _____ Richard aids Korea response

13. National Oceanic and _____ Administration

15. _____ Across America

16. Assistant Chief or Emergency Medical Services

18. Science, _____, Engineering and Mathematics

21. Medical Research _____ of Chemical Defense

24. Strong Beginnings lead

26. ARDEC associate director for Science & Technology

Solution to the April 17 puzzle

If you see it, report it

Aggressive driving has no place at APG

call 410-306-0550

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

CARA

CBRNE Analytical and Remediation Activity

The 20th CBRNE Command’s CARA is an all-civilian organization with the mission to deploy and conduct operations in support of Combatant Commanders or other governmental agencies to counter CBRNE and WMD threats in support of National Combating WMD objectives.

Accessing Higher Education Track

The Higher Education Track classes are two-day training events, eight hours per day. The purpose is to help active duty and reserve Soldiers determine career, personal and academic goals; help Soldiers contribute to the selection of a higher education institution; present information about funding factors for selection of higher education institutions; and provide facts about admissions. This class is only for Soldiers that are transitioning from the military and currently going through the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) process.

The 2014 final training dates are Sept. 17 – 18.

Contact the ACAP/Transition office (410) 306-2303 or Army Education Center (410) 306-2042 for assistance with class registration

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**THURSDAY
APRIL 24
ASBP BLOOD DRIVE**

The Armed Services Blood Program is sponsoring its Spring Blood Drive 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Central Demilitarization Training Facility (CDTF), Bldg. E4516. To make your appointment online, visit www.militarydonor.com. Use sponsor code EDGMD when registering.

DUELING PIANOS COMEDY SHOW

Bring your friends for a fun night out with the Dueling Pianos Comedy Show at Top of the Bay. Doors open 5 p.m., show starts 7 p.m.

The \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door, charge includes one free beverage (draft beer, house wine, soda or bottled water), a cash bar and table service. This event is for ages 21 and older only.

Dueling Pianos is a high energy, all request, rock n roll, comedy piano show in which the audience is as much a part of the performance as the entertainers. It's like having a live band, DJ and two comedians all in one.

Come early, have dinner, enjoy the view, relax with friends and get ready to have some fun. Seating is limited. Register early at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326 or call 410-278-4011/4907.

**FRIDAY
APRIL 25
TEAM APG BOSS BUNNY HOP 5K**

Support Team APG BOSS by participating in the Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk starting at the Hoyle Gym in APG South (Edgewood). The event kicks off with a Unit Guidon Relay Race starting at 6:30 a.m.; must arrive by 6:15 a.m. to participate. Teams will consist of three to four Soldiers from the same unit. These teams will compete for a guidon streamer. The safety brief for the 5K Run/Walk begins 6:40 a.m.; run starts 6:50 a.m. Participants must arrive by 6:30 a.m. Team APG BOSS will also host an Easter Bunny costume contest. This race is open to the entire APG community. For information, email Spc. Stephen Murray at stephen.k.murray3.mil@mail.mil or call 410-436-4533. Show your support with appropriate civilian attire. The Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU) must be worn IAW AR 670-1.

STUDENT EARTH & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

APG will host its 'Student Earth & Arbor Day Celebration' with the theme "The Wonders of Water" at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center, Bldg. 2522 on Bayside Drive.

The event will feature interactive displays and hands-on Earth Day science activities provided by the event sponsors and the Maryland Master Gardeners (with worm composting), LEAP: Science is FUN! (Harford County Public Library), the American Rescue Dog Association, the Anita C. Leight Estuary, and Scales & Tails (afternoon only). This event is sponsored by Team APG STEM, APG Garrison, Corvias Military Housing, the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society, the National Defense Education Program, and the Senior Science Society.

Arbor Day is officially celebrated the last Friday in April nationwide, but on the first Wednesday in April in Maryland. Earth Day is officially celebrated April 22 nationwide.

The event will be open to school groups, civilian and contractors working on post and the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The afternoon activities are restricted to Child, Youth and School Services and APG housing residents from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 26
VA OPEN HOUSE & INFO FAIR**

The VA Maryland Health Care System will host an Open House and Information Fair 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fort Meade VA Outpatient Clinic, 2479 5th Street, Fort Meade, Md. To gain access to the installation, present a valid photo identification and vehicle registration at the Reece Road gate. Free parking is available just past the Fort Meade VA Outpatient Clinic on the left side of the building.

Anyone who served in the armed forces and received an honorable discharge may qualify for health care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. VAMHCS staff members will be available to answer questions, accept enrollment applications,

or help veterans complete their application paperwork. Veterans and their Family members can also visit information tables to learn more about VA compensation benefits and available VA health care services.

Veterans should bring their discharge papers (DD214), a photo ID and financial information from the previous calendar year. To expedite the process, visit the Maryland VA website at <http://www.maryland.va.gov/patients/eligibility.asp>, print and fill out the VA healthcare enrollment application, VA Form 1010EZ, and bring it to the Open House and Information Fair.

All veterans are encouraged to apply for health care with the VAMHCS.

For more information contact the VAMHCS Community Outreach Office at 1-800-949-1003, extension 6071.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 30
HOLOCAUST/DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OBSERVANCE**

Team APG will host the annual Holocaust/Days of Remembrance observance 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. The theme for this event is "Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses." The guest speaker is Robert Behr.

For more information, contact Sheryl Coleman at sheryl.l.coleman.civ@mail.mil.

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY
MAY 2-4
SECOND INDIANHEAD DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION**

Attention, 2nd Infantry Division Veterans. The Penn-Jersey Branch of the Second Indianhead Division Association will have its annual reunion in Lancaster, Pa. at the Continental Inn. All veterans of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division are invited, especially those in the nearby states of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. For more information, call Jack Woodall at 610-274-1409 or send an email to warriorvet@verizon.net.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 7
FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING**

APG Fire & Emergency Services will hold a fire extinguisher training program MAY 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810. The training will cover information on how to operate, perform and inspect fire extinguishers, as well as the basics of fire behavior and types of fire extinguishers. For information call 410-306-0093.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 21
DAU-SSCF GRADUATION**

The Defense Acquisition University - Senior Service College Fellowship graduation ceremony for the 2013-2014 class will be held 11 a.m. in the Mallette Hall Auditorium, Building 6008. The graduation ceremony marks the culmination of ten months of full-time, rigorous study focused on developing acquisition and leadership attributes. A short reception will follow. RSVP by May 15 to James Oman at 410-272-9470 or email James.Oman@dau.mil.

**ONGOING
FINRA FOUNDATION MILITARY SPOUSE FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ACCREDITED FINANCIAL COUNSELOR® PROGRAM**

The Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® (AFCPE®), in partnership with the National Military Family Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, is pleased to announce the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor® Program application period. This program provides up to 50 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field. Visit www.MilitaryFamily.org for more information. Looking for Job search information, contact the ACS Employment program 410-278-9669/7572.

**TUESDAYS THROUGH
MAY 20
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS**

American Sign Language basic

and advanced classes runs through May 20, 11:30 a.m. – 12: 30 p.m. in Bldg. E3330-31, Room 270, APG South (Edgewood). Bring your lunch. Class is free. Text book (encouraged, but not required) is "A B C, A Basic Course in American Sign Language". To register or for more information, call Beth Ann Cameron, 436-7175, Pat Reeves at 436-2917 or Randy Weber at 436-8546.

CORVIAS 2014 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Corvias Foundation has announced that applications for the 2014 Our Future Scholarships and the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants are now available.

Applications for the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants must be submitted by May 8, 2014. Grants are given in the amount of up to \$5,000 to spouses of active-duty service members at the installations listed above. Applicants may be in any stage of the educational process. Recipients will be notified by July 10.

Families do not have to reside in on-post housing to qualify. Eligible service members stationed at these installations can serve in any branch of the military.

To apply, go to <http://corviasfoundation.org>. For more information, call 401-228-2836 or email info@corviasfoundation.org

AIRBORNE HAZARDS & OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY

VA encourages all Gulf War Veterans – anyone who served in the Persian Gulf area from August 1990 to present - to sign up for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry which is established by Public Law 112-260. The registry provides an opportunity for veterans to receive information updates and to help VA improve its understanding of deployment-related health effects. During deployment, Gulf War veterans may have been exposed to smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, and air pollution. Veterans must complete an online health questionnaire to participate in the registry. For more information, visit www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/.

CPR, AED CLASSES SCHEDULED

The APG Fire and Emergency Services Division of the Directorate of Emergency Services has released its schedule for CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) classes for 2014. Two classes will be held the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the same location. May 21, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel June 18, Edgewood Conference Center July 16, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Aug. 20, Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 17, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Oct. 15, Edgewood Conference Center Nov. 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel Dec. 17, Edgewood Conference Center

Class size is limited to 30 participants. For more information or to register, contact Mike Slayman, assistant chief of EMS, at 410-306-0566 or e-mail michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil.

INSIDE APG

APG commanders and subject matter experts will discuss topics of interest to the local community every Saturday and Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. during "Inside APG: Creating One Community Without a Gate," a monthly radio series on 970 WAMD. For more information about the series, to schedule or request an interview, call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150. For previous interviews, follow these links:<http://youtu.be/a8vuMdxmG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwnbO8>

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER OFFERING SERVICES AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

The Army Wellness Center (AWC) is now seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) Clinic, Bldg. E4110 twice a month. Clients will now have the opportunity to have their metabolism and body composition assessment done without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their Family members, retirees and Army civilian employees can make an appointment at the AWC or can be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Clients can reach their goals by making a positive, long-lasting change in their health and well-being. For more information or to

schedule your appointment with the AWC please call 410-306-1024.

CYSS PARTNERS WITH HOMESCHOOLERS

APG Child, Youth and School Services is trying to establish a partnership with authorized users who homeschool their children in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. CYSS is willing to open its facilities during the week so homeschooled children can have access to classrooms, the computer lab and gym on a scheduled basis. For more information, call 410- 278-7571/7479.

FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN RECREATION FOR TEENS

The APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522, invites all high school students out to its free Friday Night Open Recreation for Teens, every Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight. Teens are invited out to meet new friends, shoot some hoops or just play some pool. Bring up to two non-DoD friends to join in the fun. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

YOUTH CENTER OPENINGS

The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs currently have immediate openings for the 2013-2014 school year at their School Age & Youth Services facilities. Openings are available in both locations for eligible users. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS

Each class is a one-on-one, 30-minute session for seven or eight weeks, once a week. Parents choose a time between 3 and 9 p.m. when they register their children. Open to all DOD ID cardholders. To register, visit Central Registration or call 410-278-7479/7571. For information, email lauren.e.kateley.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.

REPORT POWER OUTAGES TO CORVIAS MILITARY LIVING

During severe weather, all residential power outages should be reported to the Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076. This will allow staff to determine if the outage is widespread or specific to the home and coordinate the responsible provider to restore power.

In the event a neighborhood office loses power, the phone system may also be affected. If the office cannot be reached, residents should call the following toll-free numbers to report outages and maintenance emergencies. Calls to the toll-free number will directly connect residents to the emergency on-call service.

APG: 1-866-958-5412
Patriot Village: 1-866-871-6257
NH Office: 410-305-1076

KEYSTONE CLUB

This free class for high school students meets every other Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522. This unique leadership development experience provides opportunities for young people ages 14-18. Youth participate in activities, both in and out of the club, in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Club aims to have a positive impact on members, the club and community. Participants may bring up to two non-DoD friends. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

APG THRIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

With just two hours a week to spare, you can serve your community as a volunteer at the APG Thrift Store. Located in Bldg. 2458 behind the Main Post Chapel, the Thrift Shop offers quality, gently-used items featuring clothing for babies to adults including military uniforms, appliances, electronics, furniture, luggage, kitchenware, toys, knick knacks, books, jewelry and collectibles. And its dollars go right back into the community. So come spend an hour or a day, making new friends while helping your community.

For more information, or to volunteer, call the Thrift Shop during business hours at 410-272-8572.

MORE ONLINE More events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/calendar.

APG NEWS

This Week in APG News history

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News



50 Years Ago: April 23, 1964

Clockwise from left:
(From left) Army spouses Mary Lou Wright and Ellie Harber model the crazy hats that won them first and second place respectively during a Wives Coffee event at the Officer's Open Mess. Wright and Harber are wives of students in the USAOC&S Ordnance Officer Course.

Col. Elmer Grubbs, APG post commander, center, approves the paperwork for a projected new location for the Federal Credit Union. Looking on is Col. Robert Hall, Troop Support director, left, and Matthew Wargovitch, FCU president.

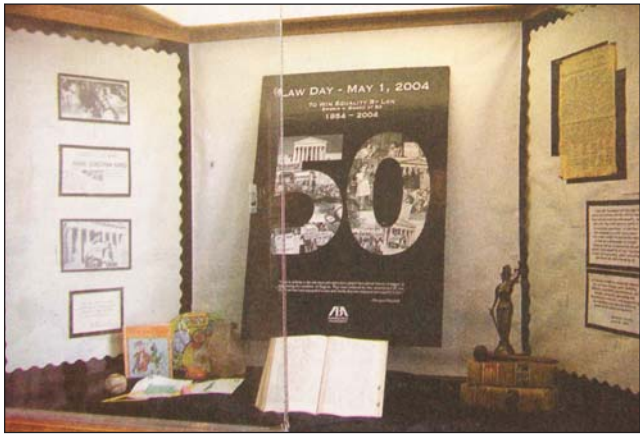
(From left) Sgts. 1st Class Abrom Benton and Ernest Schneider listen to a briefing from Capt. Albert Childrey, officer-in-charge of the Army display team assigned to temporary duty with the Army Exhibit Team at the New York World's Fair, during training classes at Cameron Station, Va.

25 Years Ago: April 26, 1989

Clockwise from top left:
Ballet students at the newly-opened youth center have a spacious, mirrored room for classes. (From front) Amanda Hinojosa, Kelly Anderson, Sara McCoy and Julie Bull.

"George Washington" and his entourage resume their journey to New York after a short rest stop at APG, April 18, 1989. Nearly 200 people greeted the reenactors who are participants in the bicentennial celebration of Washington's 250-mile journey from Mount Vernon, Va. to New York to be sworn in as the nation's first president in 1789.

(From left) APG Deputy Commander Col. Wilson Rutherford III welcomes "George Washington" and his aide-de-camp "Col. David Humphreys" to APG during their stop for a brief rest and a change of horses.



10 Years Ago: April 22, 2004

Clockwise from top left:
Newspaper clippings, photos and text quotes make up the 2004 Law Day display which celebrates the "Brown vs. Board of Education at 50" as its theme in Bldg. 310 near the Offices of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Laura Reich, Family Advocacy Program prevention specialist, arranges brochures at the Army Community Service information booth during a Child Abuse Awareness Month outreach event at the post commissary.

Damage to the upper level of Quarters 3854-A on Citizen Court is evident after an April 3, 2004 fire at the Patriot Village residence left one family homeless and other temporarily displaced.



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National Guard supports Boston Marathon



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Saslav

Sgt. Gary Bent, 102nd Security Forces Squadron, 102nd Intelligence Wing, Massachusetts Air National Guard, scans the near side of the crowd during the start of the mobility impaired runners race of the 2014 Boston Marathon, April 21. Approximately 600 Massachusetts National Guardsmen were deployed along the marathon route to assist local authorities.

By
SGT. 1ST CLASS JAMES LALLY

More than 800 Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island National Guardsmen helped local law enforcement agencies to keep the route clear for runners in eight cities and towns during the 118th Boston Marathon held April 21.

The National Guard provided chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear (CBRN), and improvised explosive detection teams, as well as medical and security personnel to help local communities along the 26.2-mile route to ensure a safe and successful race.

The 79th Troop Command, Massachusetts National Guard, supervised and planned the Guard’s efforts to coor-

dinate with local, state, regional, and federal partners to support the Boston Athletic Association as it continues to carry on the world’s oldest marathon.

“The Massachusetts National Guard is proud to support the 118th Boston Marathon and is working closely with officials from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Boston Athletic Association and more than 15 inter-agency partners to ensure a safe and successful race,” said Lt. Col. James Sahady, spokesman for the Massachusetts National Guard.

This year’s race was categorized as a National Special Security Event by the Department of Homeland Security because of the bombings and subse-

quent manhunt in 2013.

“We are well-prepared to provide medical and security support to our civil authorities and communities, enhancing safety for the 2014 Boston Marathon,” said Maj. Gen. L. Scott Rice, the adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard. “Our National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are proud to be an integral part of this historic race and our nation’s ‘Boston Strong’ spirit of competition, compassion, and community.”

A significant change in the Guard’s security strategy this year was that all of the security personnel were armed military policemen, or security forces specialists. During previous marathons Guardsmen were unarmed while sup-

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porting the event. The National Guard Civil Support Teams that advise and help first responders to detect chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive weapons were also armed.

“We train year-round to advise and assist incident commanders and first responders to detect and deal with chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear devices,” explained Lt. Col. Matthew Woolums, commander, 1st Civil Support Team, Massachusetts National Guard. “This year we added more explosive detection training, and our Soldiers and Airmen carry weapons.”

All of the public safety agencies have been committed to carrying out the safety plan in a way that did not diminish the fun for runners and spectators. Since last year the public interest in supporting the city’s greatest race resulted in 36,000 runners registering for the marathon compared to 27,000 last year. The combination of more runners and tighter security has been a challenge for planners.

“It’s great to be here, and to know that we are doing everything we can to keep people safe,” said Airman 1st Class Eric Lapworth, Security Forces, 102nd Intelligence Wing, Massachusetts Air National Guard.

Fifth generation Army tank cartridge reports loudly for duty

By **TIMOTHY RIDER**
Picatinny Arsenal

The U.S. Army fired the first of a new fifth-generation tank cartridge, the M829E4, April 18, from an Abrams tank at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. as part of a series of critical trials preceding the cartridge’s entry into the Army’s inventory.

“Abrams lethality starts here,” said Maj. Juan R. Santiago, assistant product manager for large caliber ammunition from Project Manager Maneuver Ammunition Systems, which operates from Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

Santiago explained that the M829E4 and the Advanced Multi-Purpose cartridge are what will maintain the Abrams lethality overmatch in future armed conflicts.

While the cartridge and its earlier iterations had previously been fired from something akin to test benches, the event Friday, marked the first occasion for the new cartridge to loudly report for duty from an Abrams tank, which it was designed to be used with, Santiago said.

“It was truly outstanding to see this new round being fired from a tank,” said Col. Robert “Rocky” Kmiecik, director, Mounted Requirements Division, Maneuver Center of Excellence.

“There’s been a lot of hard work done to date on this, everything from the engineering to the testing to the program management, [it was] a great team effort by all,” Kmiecik said. “This round, along with the Advanced Multi-Purpose and 3GEN I-FLIR, will continue to ensure our Soldiers maintain lethality overmatch for years to come.”

“The M829E4 is the premier fifth generation armor-piercing, fin-stabilized, discarding sabot, with tracer cartridge,” Santiago wrote in describing the round. “It consists of a depleted uranium long rod penetrator with a three-petal composite sabot.”

The flight projectile includes a low-drag fin with a tracer and a windshield and tip assembly. The propulsion system of the M829E4 cartridge is comprised of a combustible cartridge case similar to that used in the currently fielded suite of 120mm tank cartridges.

The M829E4 utilizes an updated blend of propellant to maintain consis-



U.S. Army photo

(From left) Kent Evans, TRADOC Capability Manager - Armored Brigade Combat Team; Kevin Mulligan, Armament Research, Development and Engineering Command; Maj. Juan Santiago, assistant product manager; Lt. Col. Brian Gruchacz product manager; Greg Malejko, ARDEC; Steve Peralta, Mounted Requirements Division, Maneuver Center of Excellence; and Col. Rocky Kmiecik, director, Mounted Requirements Division, Maneuver Center of Excellence pose with an Abrams tank after the testing of a new tank cartridge at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., April 18.

tent muzzle velocities across operational temperatures from extreme cold (-25 F) through extreme hot (145 F).

The M829E4 also has a new Advanced Combustible Cartridge Case with a relocated skive joint placement to improve tank crew member safety while handling the unpackaged cartridge.

With continued success in its trials, Santiago hopes the cartridge will be fielded to troops in the 2016 time frame. The first cartridge was one of 84 that are expected to be fired as part of a “Stationary-Stationary Ammunition Accuracy Test,” all of which will take place from the Army’s most advanced main battle tank, the Abrams M1A2 SEPv2.

The tests characterize the cartridge’s fight profile, which is necessary for a tank’s fire control systems to aim and deliver on target accurately, explained Santiago. Next up for the round, an upcoming user excursion will seek to demonstrate that the cartridge will perform as originally intended.

“The M829E4 adds capability to the Abrams system without adding responsibility,” said Lt. Col. Brian Gruchacz, product manager for Large Caliber Ammunition.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion 30th Infantry Regiment will participate in the user excursion, in which live M829E4 cartridges will be fired in combat-like scenarios, May 19-23, at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

April 3, at Fort Stewart, Ga., Steve Peralta, Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Davis, Kent Evans and Gruchacz briefed 1-30 leaders and Soldiers on all the relevant execution details for the upcoming excursion.

“I emphasized the importance of this event and the crew’s role in making sure this capability is ready to proceed to procurement,” Gruchacz said.

The Soldiers who were briefed “expressed excitement” to see the

capabilities of both the M829E4 and Advanced Multi-Purpose rounds and asked whether the new round increases the wear and tear on the tank’s gun tube compared to current rounds.

The tank is designed to have “roughly the same characteristics as their predecessors,” Santiago said.

He added that the flight profile characterization tests and the excursions are two of many thresholds that a new weapons program such as the M829E4 must cross to pass from the developmental phase of its life cycle into the production and sustainment phase, where it becomes available for Warfighters.

The M8249E has been in development for four years, and is now taking the final step before it attempts to cross the all-important threshold known in military and systems engineering parlance as “Milestone C,” which starts with the authorization for a low-rate production of the product.

Also, the Advanced Multi-Purpose cartridge will consolidate the capabilities of four stockpiled cartridges and provide the Warfighter with new capabilities to defeat anti-tank guided missile teams and breach reinforced concrete walls.

The technological underpinning for the M829E4 was the MCS & Abrams Ammunition System Technologies Advanced Technologies Demonstration, said Mark W. Young, associate director for Science & Technology at the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) Munition Systems & Technology Directorate.

During the ATO, “the technology was developed to defeat the most advanced heavy armor threats at increased range over the currently fielded KE munitions.”

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Four RDECOM NCOs compete for 2014 honors



The Aberdeen Proving Ground firing range goes hot as the 2014 RDECOM Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Competition kicks off at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., April 21.

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM

Four Soldiers are testing their physical fitness, endurance, technical aptitude and reasoning skills April 21 to 24 as they vie for Noncommissioned Officer of the Year honors in the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

On a sunny and brisk morning, one sergeant first class, two staff sergeants and one sergeant kicked off the four-day competition with the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Eleven Soldiers, led by Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Agueda, gathered as the four participants continued the competition with zeroing an M4 rifle and reflexive

fire at a small-arms range.

The competition includes tasks that test physical and mental abilities, such as the day and night land-navigation courses at APG’s Lauderick Creek Training Site, Warrior task and battle drills lane testing, urban orienteering, an obstacle course and a five-mile march at the Gunpowder Military Reservation, an essay,

a written exam, and a board appearance before RDECOM’s sergeants major.

RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Lebert Beharie will preside over an awards ceremony April 24. The winner will advance to the U.S. Army Materiel Command NCO of the Year Competition.

- Vying for the awards is:**
- Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Williams, an electronics maintenance chief assigned to the Army Research Laboratory at Adelphi, Md. She is from Lexington, S.C., and has 13 years of service.
 - Staff Sgt. David Carter, a military intelligence systems maintainer/integrator assigned to the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center’s Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate at APG. He is from Gustine, Calif., and has six years of service.
 - Staff Sgt. Joshua Menninger, a counter-mine section leader assigned to CERDEC’s Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate at Fort Belvoir, Va. He is from Tampa, Fla., and has seven years of service.
 - Sgt. Christopher Helms, an Infantryman assigned to the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center at Natick, Mass. He is from Portland, Maine, and has four years of service.

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Summit raises awareness, understanding of SHARP issues

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As the Army makes a commitment to eliminate sexual offenses within the ranks, this one-day event themed ‘Achieving Cultural Change: Strengthening Trust, and Supporting Victims,’ served as a forum for APG leaders--military and civilian--to raise awareness and understanding of the issues being addressed in the Army and, ultimately, eliminate unhealthy behaviors and attitudes as it relates to sexual assault and sexual harassment.

“If we leave here today having engaged in constructive dialogue, challenged one another to think and share ideas on how we can attack this insider threat, we will have been successful,” said Utley. “Every member of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community can help eliminate this threat by taking an active stance against such behaviors and encourage reporting practices.”

He views the summit as an opportunity for leaders to make a real impact in changing the culture surrounding the response and support of victims of sexual offenses. He said victims should be confident their leaders will take action if a crime is reported.

“Leadership comes with great responsibility,” said Utley, who characterized acts of sexual assault and harassment as being an ‘insider threat’ to the Army Profession and are inconsistent with the Army’s Values.

Keynote speaker, Carolyn Collins, Deputy Director (Civilian) of the Headquarters, Army SHARP Office, spoke about the Army’s efforts to address incidences of sexual assault and sexual harassment in the ranks and provided an update on the status of current initiatives and focus areas designed to change the reporting climate so victims feel free to

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The Army is working with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command to establish a permanent SHARP School House, which the Army first started piloting on January 27 and will continue to run throughout the summer, Collins said. The school house is designed to provide centralized training for brigade and above SHARP personnel. The Army is also exploring the possibility of establishing a new military occupational specialty, or MOS, for Army SHARP professionals.

With the White House’s interest in seeing sexual violence eradicated in the military, the Army is working with the Defense Department on how best to implement prevention strategies across the Army and is actively communicating with other military service branches, the Secretary of Defense and Congress on this top Army priority.

In addition to prevention of sexual violence--the Army’s ultimate goal--there is ongoing focus on increasing reporting as senior leaders are aware that sexual assault is the most under-reported crime in the Army and in the nation, according to Collins. During her

remarks, she explained the Army’s plan to provide victim advocates across the force, formalized training for victim responders, and revise reporting practices so victims feel safe in reporting.

“There are response efforts that happen after the crime is reported that involves both the victim and the offender,” said Collins. “Everyone is watching how victims are handled and this will impact a future victim’s decision on whether or not to come forward.” She explained that potential offenders are also watching how sex crimes are handled and whether the offenders are being held accountable for their action, which could impact their decision to commit similar crimes.

As the SHARP program continues to evolve, there are plans to expand response and prevention efforts among the civilian workforce as well. Previously, only civilians serving in overseas assignments were eligible to receive services through the SHARP Program.

The day continued with a panel discussion comprised of APG senior leaders including Utley; Gary Martin, deputy to the commanding general for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command; Suzanne Milchling, director of Program Integration at the U.S. Army

Edgewood Chemical Biological Center; and Douglas Bryce, Joint Program Executive Officer-Chemical and Biological Defense. Each leader engaged in a question and answer session where they provided their perspectives on the current environment and shared their thoughts on how to move forward as a team to eliminate incidences of sexual assault within the APG community.

There was consensus among the group that it is up to leaders to take action and support victims of these crimes so they can be successful and feel safe as they serve the nation.

A second panel discussion included representatives from Harford County Sheriff’s office, Harford County Safe House, Harford County’s State Attorney Office, and an APG Sexual Assault Response Coordinator/Victim Advocate.

Utley said he hopes leaders will leave the summit with a renewed sensitivity to victims of sexual assault and feel empowered to make a change and share the message with commands and organizations across the installation.

“Help us inspire members of our community to Intervene, Act and Motivate others to be responsive and eliminate sexual violence and harassment from our community,” said Utley.

Holocaust survivor to speak at Remembrance event

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chance to get hands-on experience at a minimum cost other than transportation. At each program the students and faculty gain knowledge of the experiences, trials, tribulations and background information affiliated with the particular culture being presented.”

This year, more than 500 local and private school students and faculty from around Harford County will attend the event. They include Bel Air Middle School, Joppatowne High School, and St. Joan of Arc School.

The program includes the lighting of six candles in observance of the six million Jews who perished during the holocaust and a prayer and benediction by Rabbi Gila Ruskin from the Harford County Jewish Temple.

Holocaust survivor Robert Behr

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Sheryl Coleman
equal opportunity advisor with ARL

also will speak.

Born in Berlin Germany, Behr and his family became subject to Adolf Hitler’s Nuremberg Laws and other anti-Semitic legislation in 1933. In 1942, after the family was deported to Theresienstadt concentration camp. Behr worked at the camp transporting bod-

ies for burial, laying railroad tracks to and from the camp and working in the kitchen until the camp was liberated by the Soviet Army on May 5, 1945.

After immigrating to the United States in 1947, Behr enlisted in the Army and was transferred to Berlin where he interrogated former Nazi personnel. He has

since served in the U.S. Air Force civil service as an intelligence officer and as an adjunct professor at Sinclair College. He has bachelors and master’s degrees in Modern European History.

Behr has been a volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial museum since 2001.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the event which is free and open to the public.

“It is important individuals attend events such as the Holocaust Days of Remembrance to be reminded of what took place in history as a result of such a tragic event,” Coleman said. “Team APG works hard to provide the military, civilian, contractors and the surrounding community with programs giving history to events and reminders of how these events changed the lives of all people throughout the world.”

APG Snapshot

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.

SHARP VIGNETTES IDENTIFY PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS



(From left) Stephen Clark uses physically overwhelming tactics to intimidate Nicole Tester into going out with him during one of several vignettes presented during a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) event held at the Ball Conference Center April 17. The vignette, titled “Do You Want Your Job,” depicted sexual harassment in the workplace. A cast of twenty volunteers performed in the three vignettes produced for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the TEAM APG effort hosted by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command. ATEC Equal Employment Opportunity Manager Jody Jackson narrated and Lynae Green and Sgt. 1st Class Howard Norcross from the ATEC EO Office co-directed the vignettes.

Photos by Molly Blossie

APG SOUTH YOUTH CENTER SPRINGS CARNIVAL

Children from the APG South (Edgewood) Youth Center helped organize a spring carnival for children who attend the APG South Child Development Center April 18. The carnival is an annual 4-H community service project for the youth center. (From left) Isabella Vincelli from the APG South CDC decorates an egg; Mia Vickers from the APG South youth center chats with the Easter Bunny.

Photos by Rachel Ponder



WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!

(From left) Hayden Hurst, Jayla Stewart, Corbin Williams, Ty’Annah Briggs, Madison Warren, and Isaac Wilmore watch in wonder as a concoction of colored peroxide and yeast turns into “Elephant toothpaste” during Science Experiment Day; part of the Month of the Military Child activities at the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center April 18.

Photo by Molly Blossie



THE WORD FROM THE TOP

APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton reads to children at the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center April 15. McClinton’s visit was one of several special events organized for the center’s Month of the Military Child activities.

Courtesy photo



YOUTHFUL VOLUNTEERS MAKE READING FUN

(From left) A group of children and youth volunteer Zack Morgan listen in as fellow volunteer Graciela Rodriguez reads “Would You Rather Be a Bullfrog” by Dr. Seuss at the APG North (Aberdeen) Child Development Center April 18. Morgan, Rodriguez and four other youth from the APG North youth center volunteered for the Read to CDC event at the APG North and Bayside CDCs in celebration of Month of the Military Child.

Photo by Rachel Ponder